



## A NEW SONG ON THE BIRTH AND SUFFERING OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Come all you faithful Chastains I pray you'll pay attention  
What I'm going to mention is awful to relate,  
How we were all in danger before the Birth of Jesus,  
When darkness prevail'd through our fertile Isle of Saints  
But our gracious Lord was patient and resolv'd for to release  
From places dreary regions and satan's  
His love to us was faithful that he could not deceive us,  
He purchased us dear that he made us all his own,  
we have cause for to remember the time of our redemption,  
When Christ came down from Heaven to suffer for our sake  
He was born in a manger amongst wicked Jews and Pagan  
No one to entertain him from the winters harrowing air,  
Until the Kings came forward when they saw his star advancing,  
They thought on what his Prophets had predicted in their days  
They came to make their offering of gold and myrr & frankincense,  
As he should be God and King and Lord upon the earth  
But as they approach'd King Herod this joyful news related,  
Of the wonderful Messiah being descended upon earth,  
Of the covenant he made when Eve the apple ate  
That he'd bruse the serpents head and Adams race restore,  
But the thoughts of wicked Herod its awful to relate them,  
He sought the death of Jesus for fear he'd him dethrone,  
He order'd these 3 Sages as soon as they'd receive him,  
To come back to himself until he'd also him adore  
In taking leave of Herod the star again convey'd them,  
Till remaining near the stable where our Lord he was laid low  
They went on and prostrated at the feet of our Creator,  
The angel then appear'd and desired them to go home,  
But as King Herod was delude'd he caus'd a great confusion,  
The male children of Jerusalem to be slain all their gore,  
Three miles around the borders according to his orders,  
As he thought our great Redeemer would be slain among the rest  
Look to apostles he inspired to preach the Gospel,  
Like also the holy Evangelists who with talents he endowed,  
He selected great Saint Peter to feed his lambs and sheep,  
As he told them there should be but one shepherd and one fold,  
Likewise the Saint Patrick he is worthy of being recorded,  
Like Moses when the Israelites from bondage he set free,  
He spare'd no toil or labour till your Isle he rid of Pagans,  
He cured the lame and blind and to the dumb gave speech,  
when the gentiles saw Jesus escape'n the seize of Herod,  
As a captive he was taken and led to Pilates hall  
With blasphemy & treason they accused our great Creator  
His jury was severe tho' our Lord forgave them all,  
They mock'd him & they beat him till his wounds were open naked  
His blood it flow'd in torrents till he fainted on the way  
His eyes were blindfolded saying prophecy who struck them,  
Thou Judas kiss'd & sold him he hung himself in disarray,  
They strip'd him of his garments & crown'd his head with thorns  
They'd crush'd them on hard till the blood ran down his face,  
The Blessed Virgin Mary still beholding her son Jesus  
Until Joseph & Nicodemus came & laid him on her knee  
His Cross he bore with patience his blood he spill'd to save us  
With faculties of reason he each of us endowed,  
And he promised us salvation if we should not forsake him,  
But love our God & neighbour now & forever more